adverse effects of drought on production of crops and livestock and productivity of land, water and human resources are also being implemented. While implementing these programmes, special assistance/ preference is given to tribals as per laid down guidelines.

Evaluation of Central Sector Scheme in Maharashtra during Eighth Plan period

1654. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have carried out evaluation of central sector schemes implemented during the Eighth Five Year Plan in the different States;

(b) if so, the details of the progress achieved under these schemes, scheme-wise, in the States in terms of target set;

(c) whether Government are considering to have a fresh look at the restructuring and transferring some of these schemes; and

(d) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard so far and action plan for the current year for Maharashtra in particular?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) and (b) Ministry of Rural Areas & Employment has conducted concurrent Evaluation of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) and Integrated Rural Development Programme(IRDP) and quick evaluation of Training of Rural Youth for Self Employment (TRYSEM) during Eight Five Year Plan. Physical targets & achievements State-wise in respect of the above schemes are given in the Annexures I to III. [*see* Appendix 181 Annexure No. 45]

(c) and (d) Presently an exercise is being undertaken in the Planning Commission to examine the issue of transfer of centrally sponsored schemes to State Governments. In this regard, a report has been prepared and circulated by Planning Commission to all State/UT Governments and the concerned Central Ministries/Departments for their comments. On receipt of comments from all the State/UT Governments and Central Ministries, the revised report would be placed before the full Planning Commission and the National Development Council (NDC) for consideration and approval.

Construction of houses under IAY

1655. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of houses constructed under Indira Awas Yojana in the country during the last two years and so far during the current year;

(b) the number of houses constructed under Indira Awas Yojana during the same period in Karnataka; and

(c) the number of houses proposed to be constructed during the remaining part of the year in Karnataka?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) About 16.65 lakh houses have been constructed under Indira Awas Yojana during the last two years. During 1997-98, more than 1 lakh houses have been constructed so far as per last reports received.

(b) About 83 thousand houses have been constructed in Karnataka under Indira Awas Yojana during the last two years. During 1997-98, more than 6000 houses have been constructed under the scheme so far as per last reports received.

(c) Construction of about 34 thousand houses is targetted under Indira Awas Yojana during the current Financial year, that is 1997-98, in Karnataka.